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Concrete Piers

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Group Art Unit 3673
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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450


Sir:

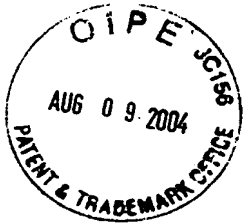
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the
above-identified application.

No additional fee for excess claims is believed to be
due. In the event that additional fees are due, however, or in
the event that additional time is necessary to render the
amendment timely, the Commissioner is respectfully requested to
extend the shortened statutory period for response to the
outstanding Office action and he is authorized to charge the
appropriate fee(s) to Deposit Account No. 06-1090.

Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENT A

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Sir:

In response to an Office action dated May 5, 2004,
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend page 3, lines 30-33 as follows:

-- Fig. 3 is ~~a~~ an exploded cross-sectional view of a one
embodiment of a fixture according to the present invention ~~with~~
~~detail A~~ taken along the plane of ~~A-A~~ 3-3 in Fig. 5 and ~~detail~~
~~B taken along the plane of B-B~~ 3-3 in Fig. 6;--

Please amend page 4, lines 21-26 as follows:

-- Referring to Fig. 1, a conventional concrete pier 10
is shown. Concrete pier 10 is formed in a conventional fibrous
tubular form 12 which is placed in a hole 14 formed in the ground
16. Tubular form 12 is stabilized in hole 14 by a backfill 18.
Tubular form 12 is cut from a standard length of tubing and has
an uneven upper edge 20, as shown. Tubular form 12 is then filled
with concrete and a top 22 formed along uneven upper edge ~~22~~ 20.

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please amend the drawings as requested in the enclosed Submission of Corrected Drawings for Approval.

The corrections requested include adding the words "Prior Art" to Figs. 1 and 2, changing the lead line for reference numeral 20 in Fig. 1 to the top edge of the paper tubular concrete form and changing the letters "A" and "B" to "3" in Figs. 5 and 6. Fig. 3 is an exploded sectional view showing the first and second elements in connection with the paper tubular concrete form.